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Remarks

The September 20, 2004 Office Action requires a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I - Claims 1-9 and 11-15, drawn to a method, classified in Class 264, subclass 45.1; or

Group II - Claims 10 and 16, drawn to a product, classified in Class 428, subclass 304.4.

The Office Action states that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as process and product and argues that restriction for examination purposes is proper because the process as claimed can be used to make an other and materially different product such as the porous ceramic with porosity less than 60%.

In response to this election requirement, applicants hereby elect to prosecute the alleged separate invention of Group I, that is, claims 1-9 and 11-15.

Applicants note that claims 10 and 16 are dependent upon elected process claims, and suggest that if the corresponding process claims are found allowable, claims 10 and 16 should be rejoined and be likewise found allowable.

In view of the preceding election, applicants respectfully submit that prosecution of this application on the merits should proceed. Applicants look forward to a favorable action on the merits.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

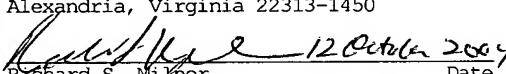
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